

KANSAS CITY REGION FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS

2022-2024

Employment in the Kansas City Region is projected to increase by 1.3 percent between 2022 and 2024, for a net change of more than 8,000 jobs. The growth rate is the difference between projected employment and estimated employment divided by estimated employment. The top 20 fastest growing occupations are projected to have a growth rate between 4.6 percent and 7.9 percent. The top three fastest growing occupations in the Kansas City Workforce Development Area (WDA) are *Nurse Practitioners*; *Cooks, Restaurant*; and *Logisticians*. *Cooks, Restaurant* are projected to have the most job openings (1,377). Nine occupations in this list have a median wage higher than the median wage for all occupations in Kansas City (\$45,593).

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Occupation	2022 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Net Change	Percent Growth	Total Annual Openings	Median Annual Wage
Nurse Practitioners	1,614	1,741	127	7.9%	150	\$106,524
Cooks, Restaurant	6,964	7,499	535	7.7%	1,377	\$28,929
Logisticians	431	462	31	7.2%	55	\$77,340
Food Batchmakers	670	711	41	6.1%	114	\$33,862
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	775	822	47	6.1%	100	\$55,542
Data Scientists	779	826	47	6.0%	82	\$78,269
Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	1,401	1,484	83	5.9%	299	\$33,966
Meat, Poultry, and fish Cutters and Trimmers	605	640	35	5.8%	96	\$29,015
Electricians	2,927	3,080	153	5.2%	381	\$61,930
Web Developers	523	550	27	5.2%	54	\$66,016
Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	593	623	30	5.1%	188	\$27,241
Animal Caretakers	1,804	1,895	91	5.0%	387	\$26,919
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers	1,644	1,726	82	5.0%	233	\$36,575
Heating, air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	1,641	1,720	79	4.8%	198	\$50,428
Medical and Health Services Managers	1,541	1,615	74	4.8%	161	\$98,496
Amusement and Recreation Attendants	937	981	44	4.7%	276	\$22,829
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	836	875	39	4.7%	116	\$53,189
Self-Enrichment Teachers	1,095	1,146	51	4.7%	153	\$36,813
Production Workers, All Other	1,850	1,936	86	4.7%	260	\$55,214
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,898	1,986	88	4.6%	241	\$75,051



Occupations with fewer than 50 annual openings are omitted.

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